

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 30, 2006, 4:30 p.m.
Council Chambers**

PRESENT

Ian Kohen
Greg Lewis
Akua Ofori-Boateng
Gil Palmer
John Roberts
John Stroh

ABSENT

Tony McClendon
Jay Myers
Wes Roy
Marie Schroeder
Jason Staley

***** Meeting Called to Order *****

STAFF PRESENT:

Director Arlette Tinsley, Deputy Director Lorraine Smith and Secretary Lula Young.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary Roberts called roll. **Commissioner Stroh moved to accept the July Minutes as formatted, Commissioner Lewis seconded. Motion carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Lewis reported the balance as \$5,015.74, with the only expenditure as \$100.00 to BCSC in support of the anti-bullying billboard, previously approved by Commissioners.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Tinsley informed Commissioners that staff has been busy with the BCSC Anti-Bullying kick-off and training for 120 school bus drivers and that Deputy Director Smith has been busy completing intakes and providing technical assistance.

Director Tinsley voiced her appreciation for the hard work by the Ad Hoc committee and advised Commissioners that a report will be provided later.

OPEN FORUM/CURRENT EVENTS & COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Commissioner Roberts advised that a bulletin from the Ellen Laws memorial service was submitted for inclusion in the historical file, and that he delivered the memorial gift to The Peace Fellowship on behalf of the Commission.

Chairperson Palmer advised that he and Officer Wilder are communicating about ways to enhance minority recruitment for the police department.

Commissioner Roberts shared with Commissioners his discussion with Officer Wilder regarding outreach with the Gay/Straight Alliance.

FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Report and Extension of Time Proposal from Ad Hoc Sub-Committee:

Commissioner Kohen provided Commissioners with an update on the progress and activities of committee members. Commissioner Kohen discussed the attempts by the Gay/Straight Alliance to collect additional data for submission.

Commissioner Kohen shared results of his meeting with the Mayor and a separate meeting with Director Tinsley. He then announced that the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee would be September 11, at 5:30p.m. At that time, the committee will review their options, hear public input, then decide if they are ready to make a recommendation to the full commission.

Commissioner Kohen moved to extend the deadline for the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee Report to the next full commission meeting so that the sub-committee can receive more reports. Commissioner Roberts seconded. Motion carried.

Review of Commission support for the BCSC Diversity Day Community Presentation:

Director Tinsley provided Commissioners with a draft invitation for the November 8, 2006 community presentation and the request from Bill Jensen of BCSC for the Commission to co-sponsor the Tim Wise event for Diversity Day. Commissioners were unanimous in their support.

Commissioner Staley moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kohen seconded. Meeting adjourned.